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Christopher Andreozzi, SBA's Small Business Person of the Year Finalist builds KnowledgeCentrix around teamwork

President of KnowledgeCentrix to be honored at 45th Annual Small Business Week awards luncheon



SANTA ANA, CA - Christopher Anthony Andreozzi, president of KnowledgeCentrix, located in Irvine, CA has been selected as a Small Business Person of the Year Finalist by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Santa Ana District Office. Andreozzi, who resides in Placentia, is one of two finalists selected by an independent judging committee. The Santa Ana District Office serves the Counties of Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino. District Director J. Adalberto Quijada announced Andreozzi's selection by stating, "Mr. Andreozzi's leadership qualities and entrepreneurial spirit make him a

deserving candidate of this award." Christopher was nominated by Kim Troxel, President of Red Trox and VP of Marketing for KnowledgeCentrix.

KnowledgeCentrix is a full-service information systems consulting firm providing technology services & support to small and medium-sized businesses throughout Southern California and Arizona. "We cure and prevent technology headaches," says Troxel. Andreozzi's 14-year career in the information technology industry has ranged from systems support to Director-level management positions with both private and public companies. Chris worked for a company that was eventually acquired by Enron where he was appointed IT Director. Andreozzi worked for Enron for two years and during the course of its collapse. During this time, Chris recognized that many small businesses did not have the ability to successfully implement and maintain computer networks and systems. He leveraged his experience, network of personal and professional contacts and a company was born- KnowledgeCentrix.

Today, KnowledgeCentrix assists customers with issues small and large, from connecting to the Internet and uncooperative email, to major issues like a crashed server that can stop a business dead in its tracks. KnowledgeCentrix has seven core solution practices: Virtualization, Unified Communications, Information Worker, Business Continuity Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure Optimization, Application Delivery and Managed Services. The company offers a range of service delivery models and a team of highly skilled and certified professionals to best a client's technology needs. KnowledgeCentrix has earned acclaim with both Microsoft and Cisco Systems by demonstrating a proven track record of successful projects. Most of the success the company has enjoyed in only five years of existence is due to the leadership Chris Andreozzi exhibits and the talented team he has assembled.

Chris believes in building a team that will in turn build a strong company that will last. The fact that both the number of employees and the revenue totals have grown by leaps and bounds is evidence of this. There is an open door policy at KnowledgeCentrix; all team members are able to provide Andreozzi with suggestions, constructive criticism and support. The company is able to offer a generous benefits program that rivals larger organizations. Andreozzi makes it a point to make his company a part of the community. One of the most unique benefits is the ability for each employee to take three paid days off each year to perform work for charitable endeavors in the community. KnowledgeCentrix has sponsored a number of different organizations, including Walk for the Cure, Ducks Care and various local youth athletic teams. The company also sponsors two events each year for employees and their families to show appreciation for the work and efforts of the KnowledgeCentrix team. Each year at the final event, one employee is recognized for outstanding performance and given an all expenses paid vacation. KnowledgeCentrix also sponsored this year's Memorial Day Fireworks celebration at Angel Stadium.

Other professional honors for Christopher Andreozzi and KnowledgeCentrix include landing the third spot on the 2007 MSPmentor 100, a distinguished list of the world's most progressive managed service providers. Andreozzi was also a finalist in the Best Executive-Computer Hardware & Services category of the American Business Awards,

also known as the Stevies. The company recently relocated to Irvine from Brea and is currently revamping their branding efforts to deliver an even more direct message to its customers.

Andreozzi will be honored at SBA's Small Business Week Awards luncheon on September 25, 2008 at the Hilton Anaheim. The event recognizes some of the most outstanding and successful entrepreneurs in the region. Reservations may be made by contacting Patty Holohan at 909.794.3027 or PSHoloha@aol.com.